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COMMEMORATIVE AIR FORCE
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From the Front Cockpit Col Gary Otto – Wing Leader



If you have been following our WI Wing newsletters this year, you hopefully have noticed the planned sequence of themes for each month. In January, we defined the CAF Mission, in February we defined how we can support the mission. March featured all the planned events for 2021 and how all our members can get involved in these volunteer opportunities. April focused on our 3 wing aircraft and how we utilize them to carry out our mission, while May featured our Open House event and the many member owned warbirds based at KUES and surrounding airports.

All the newsletters are available for a quick review on the www.cafwi.org website (member password cafwi).

The June theme is "Missions, Missions, Missions!!!" We are past all the planning, pilot training, safety seminars, and preparations phase, and are now truly executing our Mission. Our first big event of the year was the May 22nd Open House. While not a full public event, it was our first event out on the North Ramp. and it was a learning experience for planning bigger events in the future. We really appreciate the airport management for allowing us to use this North Ramp area and the large gold hangar. This has huge potential for exciting future events (do I hear "Hangar Dance" being whispered about?). Our members have submitted "Mission Reports" to share their missions with all members. Check them out and get involved in future missions.

As a CAF WI Wing member, you have the opportunity to attend many aviation events, but most importantly, you can volunteer to make our events better and to touch the lives of many people. We have listed the events remaining for 2021 and hope that you will look to see where you can help out and get involved. I can assure you that it is enjoyable and rewarding.

Your WI WIng is growing and actively carrying out our mission to Educate, Inspire and Honor. This month's newsletter is proof of our success!

Respectfully submitted:
Gary Otto - Wing Leader

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T-37 "Tweet"

The Cessna T-37 came about through a new United States Air Force (USAF) requirement calling for a lightweight, two-seat, jet-powered training platform under the "Trainer Experimental (TX)" program name of 1952. Cessna threw its hat into the ring and developed their "Model 318" which sat its twin turbojet propulsion scheme at the wingroots, featured a conventional single-finned tail arrangement and positioned its two crew in side-by-side seating. Wings were low-mounted monoplanes designed as straight appendages with clipped tips. A tricycle undercarriage rounded out the modern features. In 1954, the USAF moved ahead with the Cessna Model 318 design as the "XT-37" with three flyable prototypes ordered.



XT-37A designated the finalized prototypes featuring a pair of Continental YJ69-T-9 series turbojet engines. The engines were nothing more than local, license-produced copies of the French Turbomeca "Marbore" series engines - the same used to power the French-built Fouga "Magister" trainers (detailed elsewhere on this site). These units provided 920lb of thrust output each and, coupled with the aerodynamically refined airframe, provided the nimble little aircraft with good performance. Speeds reached 390 miles per hour in testing and closer to 425 mph on later production aircraft. The program suffered a setback when the first prototype crashed during spin action and this led to modifications of the airframe and tail unit as a result - though spin recovery would remain a sticking point for the design for its entire career.

The T-37A "Tweet" followed as the initial production model to which 534 of the types were built (J69-T-9 engines fitted). The USAF began taking the aircraft on in June of 1956 for training purposes through the T-37A model where the aircraft was really put through its paces but generally regarded as a good, strong platform to fly by pilots. Since the aircraft operated under a USAF-mandated 25,000 foot ceiling, no pressurization was used for the cockpit. The USAF endorsement ultimately led to the line being adopted as a trainer and light attack aircraft with other American-allied air services around the world.

T-37B continued the line but with J69-T-25 engines (1,025 lb thrust output each) and were given improved communications and navigation fits. These arrived in 1959. T-37C included an inherent light attack function through underwing pylons (one per wing) and 269 of this mark were produced. External stores could total up to 500 lb.

XAT-37D was a proposed counter-insurgency model with light attack capability. Two prototypes were completed but serial production not had. YT-48A was a proposed T-37 development to be fitted with a pair of Garrett F109-GA-100 engines but this model was not pursued.



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The United States Air Force did not find a true successor to the T-37 until the arrival of the Beechcraft T-6 "Texan II" (detailed elsewhere on this site). The Texan II was a shift away from turbojets and back to a piston-powered form. The last USAF T-37 was retired in July 2009 after 1,269 examples had been built by Cessna. The A-37 "Dragonfly" (also known as the "Super Tweet") of 1963 was one of its more notable offshoots, 577 built to a light ground-attack aircraft specification for several air services including the USAF. These witnessed combat action in the Vietnam War (1955-1975).

Current operators of the T-37 line include Colombia, Ecuador and Pakistan. Former operators range from Bangladesh and Brazil to Turkey and Vietnam. Vietnamese forms were captured from South Vietnam following the Vietnam War. The Waukesha T-37C owned by Jim Allen was built for export in 1966 and saw service in the Peruvian Air Force before being sold as surplus in the mid 1990s.

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T-33

Owner: Paul Keppeler



The T-33 was the most widely used jet trainer in the world and the two-seat version of the USAF's first operational jet fighter, the F-80 Shooting Star.

The T-33 is a F-80 with a lengthened fuselage (39") to make room for the second tandem seat. It entered service during the 1950s, and the US Navy also acquired the type and had it modified for blue-water operation as the TV-2. It was the USAF's first jet trainer. It soon was dubbed the 'T-Bird' and was being produced under license in both Japan by Kawasaki (210 built) and Canada by Canadair Ltd (656 built). In Canada, the T-33 was designated the CT-133 Silver Star and the Allison J33 turbojet of the original replaced by the Canadian built Rolls-Royce Nene 10 engine. Limited numbers were also produced for export, some being modified to carry light armament. While only 1,718 P-80 Shooting Stars were built, nearly 7,000 T-33s saw active service around the world.

Until recently, the T-33 continued to serve in Canada as a target tug and general utility aircraft as well as Bolivia. About 50 are in the hands of warbird operators, mostly in the United States. The Waukesha based Canadair T-33/CT-133 was built in 1957, served in the Royal Canadian Air Force until 2002 when it was purchased at a surplus auction by Paul Keppeler.





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North American T-28C Trojan Bu. No. 140576, "13 Cat"

Owners: Lisa and Paul Walter

T-28C 140576 or just 576, "13 Cat", was built in 1954, performed over 2,000 carrier training landings while in training for the Navy. In 1961, it was returned for IRAN (**I**nspect **A**nd **R**epair as **N**eeded). The US CIA had just trained a lot of Cubans for the Bay of Pigs invasion. That invasion failed, but the CIA asked the Cuban pilots if they would still like to fight communism but in the Congo? The CIA needed fighter planes, so "576" coming out of IRAN was armed with six hardpoints and four machine guns, taken apart and flown in a C-123 Cargo Master to the Congo. For the next 5 years it flew over 1400 hours shooting and bombing and taking a lot of ground fire. (Many repaired bullet holes can be located on its wings and fuselage.)

In 1975, a Texas investor bought 5 T-28s from the government of Congo, with plans to fly them back to the US. (Remember, at the time, there were no Big Engine T-28s in civilian hands as the Military was still using all of them. So rare, the T-28 was more valuable than a worn-out Mustang, and a T-28 will outclimb and out turn a P-51 Mustang! In fact, after restoration, "576" was traded even up for a P-51!) Of the 5 T-28s from the Congo, two crashed being flown to England. "576" was the first to be flown across the Atlantic and restored in the US. In 1976 it won Grand Champion Warbird at Oshkosh. Lisa and Paul Walter bought it in 2000 from a CEO of an aircraft company in Seattle. For the last 15 years it has been flown in the six ship T-28 Trojan Thunder Aerobatic Formation Airshow team. From Midland TX to Canada, N. Dakota to Florida, the Trojan Thunder performed about 18 times each year. 576's paint job is a duplicate of the Navy's Meridian NAS T-28, commemorating the 50th Anniversary of Naval Aviation.

Stats:

Government Cost:	\$195,000 in 1954
Engine:	Wright 1820-86B 1425 HP Radial
Fuel Burn at Cruise:	60 gallons 100LL
Oil Burn:	0.5 gallon per hour
Smoke Oil Burn	0.5 gallon per minute
Normal Cruise:	220 mph
Ramp Weight	8,600 lbs
Gross weight w/arms	12,450 lbs



576 on 1964 with the CIA in the Congo



50 years later in 2014, 576 with Trojan Horsemen at Waukegan Airshow



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CAF WI Wing June Meeting Invitation

June 19th, 2021 10:30 AM **Lunch @ Noon!**

Gate #1 code: 1984#

In person option at the CAF hangar with COVID mitigation.
2347A Aviation Drive, - Waukesha County Airport Gate 1

or **Join Zoom Meeting using this link:**
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89813553017>

Meeting ID: 898 1355 3017

Dial in option: 312-626-6799

PX Volunteers Needed NOW!!!

If interested in joining the PX team and representing the CAF WI Wing at events throughout the season, please contact Dennis Flancher, PX Volunteer Coordinator, at 414-543-0160 or email dennislf@att.net

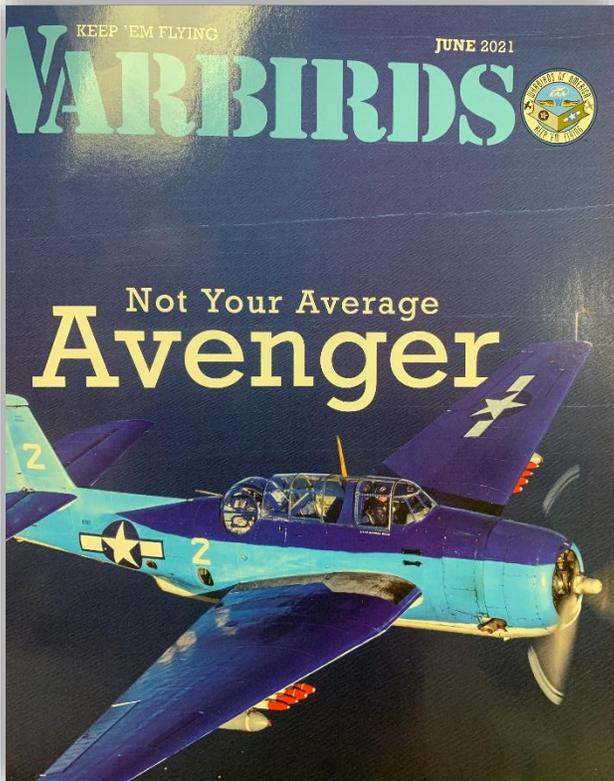
Training provided and it's a great way to meet great people!

Ground Crew Volunteers Wanted!!!

If interested in joining this invaluable part of our operations team, please contact Mike Ziarniak at 414-380-9532 or email to ziarniakm@gmail.com

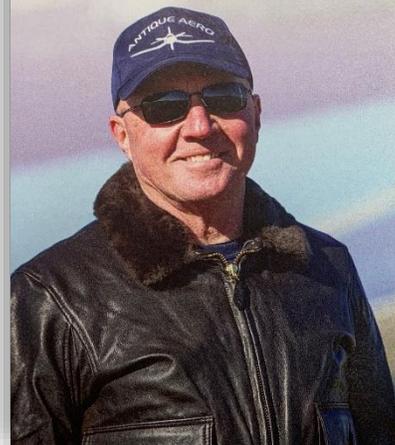
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Check this out!!!



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STEVE SORGE

Steve grew up in Hales Corners, Wisconsin, not far from EAA's original headquarters. He noted that motorcycle racing was originally his primary interest and that aviation took a back seat. After putting aside the motorcycles, he got more interested in aviation and started flying a powered hang glider and ultralights. After Steve's first couple of years in college, he and his roommate partnered in a used Cessna 150 and both earned their certificates. Shortly thereafter, they sold the 150 and bought a Piper Tri-Pacer, which they flew all over the country, including to Alaska. Steve sold his interest in the Tri-Pacer and went on to own a number of different aircraft before picking up a Stearman, which he spent 15 years restoring. (He's now in his 15th year flying it.) While restoring his Stearman, Steve connected with Sam Taber of Tab-Air in East Troy, Wisconsin.

"TBM CAN BE OUTFITTED TO TAKE A BUNCH OF PEOPLE WITH YOU — AND A FIGHTER CAN'T BE. AND A T-6 IS LIMITED TO ONE PASSENGER, SO MY RATIONALIZATION WAS I COULD TAKE MY GRANDKIDS TO AIR SHOWS IN THE TBM — MORE THAN JUST ONE GRANDKID."

— STEVE SORGE

Don't miss our own Steve Sorge's outstanding TBM article in the June 2021 EAA Warbirds Magazine!



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WI Wing May Meeting Summary

Date: May 15th, 2021 **Called to order @ 10:37 AM Saturday**
 Pledge of Allegiance was carried out. Gary Otto welcomed all attendees.

Opening comments:

- New Members introduced: Mike Pastore/Tom Leunig/Steve Mueller/Jeff Otto
- Paul McAllister, Chuck Christburg, and Matt Phillips joined in March at the meeting!
- Summary from previous meeting is available on our members only portion of the website and in the newsletter. Zoom recordings are also available!

Wing Leader Col Gary Otto Also see Gary's newsletter article

- This month's theme: Our member owned airplanes (18 in number). Open House May 22!!!
- Last month we highlighted the need for many volunteers! Please volunteer!
- Breakfasts continue on Zoom. "Not at Denny's" Hope to get back in June.
- Thanks to Brad Ohde and all the contributors for the May Newsletter! Great job!
- Recapped CAF achievements of Robert Segel who recently passed away. John Kmet will represent CAF at the memorial service.

Safety Col Mike Ziarniak Safety is #1 at CAF See Safety Corner in Newsletter

Rides and Ground Crew Program Col Mike Ziarniak

- Rides' day finally happened on May 8th
- Ground Crew volunteers still needed!!

Maintenance All 3 wing aircraft are flying!!! First time ever!!! See photo of all 3 in Newsletter!

Website www.cafwi.org member only section password: cafwi

Public Information/Social Media Andy Jaskie and Scott Twesme have volunteered! Thanks!

- Social Media is a vital part of our communication and our mission!

Newsletter Col Brad Ohde

- May Newsletter is released! Thanks to all the contributors!
- Consider writing an article for the next newsletter. Mission reports/photos can be provided
- Deadline for June content is the 11th

Membership Officer Col Tom McDermott More New Members!!

Education

- Volunteers working with kids..... Youth Interaction and Protection Policy
- CAP interface at KUES
- WASP Project- Gary Otto spoke about the late Margaret June "Peggy" Seip.
- Year of WASP for CAF

Development

There are many ways to support CAF. See the newsletter for ideas!



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PX

- We need PX volunteers for all of the upcoming CAF events! Call Dennis Flancher!

Events

- May 15th TBM Reunion event IL. Some did not go: WX
- MAY 22, Open house- 39 Year Wing Anniversary Celebration, Living History Rides, Missing Man fly-over, Static Display of CAF and member owned aircraft, WWII military vehicles and ground forces.
- Vietnam Moving Wall coming to Frame Park, Waukesha, May 27 through June 1. Wisconsin Wing will perform flyover for opening ceremony at 1800 hours.
- Wing Fall Banquet (date to be confirmed)
- Wing Holiday Party – tentative date December 14th.
- Many more!
- Need volunteers for food truck Friday's

Old business

- T-34 gear motor replaced & returned to service. Thanks to all contributors.
- New tug for the PT/thanks to Mike Ring/Paul Holdredge/Mike Woods/Mark Shilobrit

New business

- Member Apparel manager, Dave Cook: new Wing Logo & T-shirts/Hat/Sweatshirts
- Jim Fanning donated \$10,000 to the WI Wing. Divided equally to benefit each aircraft.

Next meeting June 19th (Zoom and in the hangar) at 10:30 AM.

Adjourn Time 11:50 AM Mission BBQ Lunch served!

Hangar Meeting Safety Colonel Mike Ziarniak. Safety Officer & Ground Crew Lead

While we think about safety concerns, it often relates to aircraft operations. However, please also consider that when we are gathering in hangars, pay attention to your surroundings when positioning chairs and tables for meetings and as you move about the hangar. Hangar rash has the potential to easily damage the aircraft that have been entrusted to us as well as potential for personal harm. Always stay clear of the circle of the propellers and direct any visitors to do the same.

Safety Tips Safety related concerns can be directed to the local Safety Officer, or Wing Leader for WI Wing related concerns. Any concerns will be promptly addressed. To submit a Safety Tip for CAF HQ concerns, an anonymous way to make a submission is to use this link to the Operations page:

<https://www.cafoperations.org/safety-tip>

COVID-19 Statement

Prior to attending any in person meetings, please do a self-assessment of your health. If you have any symptoms of fever, cough, lack of taste or smell it would best to not attend the meeting. Distancing, masks and hand sanitizer use should be considered and are available.



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2021 Events and Opportunities to Volunteer

- ✓ Food Truck Fridays at KUES Every Friday 11AM to 1:30 PM thru Sept. 3rd PX, pilots, planes
- ✓ Rides Day at KUES 6/27 Sunday all day PX and Rides Crew
- ✓ New Member Welcome Cookout at the CAF Hangar Wed, July 7th 5:30PM, static planes
- ✓ Rides Day at KUES 7/10 Saturday all day PX and Rides Crew
- ✓ Janesville Warbird Weekend July 23-24-25 PX Pilots and planes
- ✓ AZ Airbase B-25 visit to KUES July 28-31 PX and assist AZ crews
- ✓ AirVenture Oshkosh July 26 - Aug 1st CAF hospitality in Warbird Campground
- ✓ Honor Flight Escort Aug. 28 at KMKE 7AM pilots and planes
- ✓ Mauston EAA Fly-In Sat Sept.4 PX pilots and planes
- ✓ Waukegan Air Show Sept. 11 PX pilots and planes
- ✓ Oconto Fly-In Sept. 18 PX, Rides Crew, Pilots and planes
- ✓ East Troy Pancake Breakfast Sunday Sept. 19 PX Pilots and planes
- ✓ Honor Flight Escort Sept 25th at KMKE 7AM pilots and planes
- ✓ Rides Day at KUES 9/26 Sunday all day PX and Rides Crew
- ✓ Rides Day at KUES 10/9 Saturday all day PX and Rides Crew
- ✓ Honor Flight Escort Oct 16 at KMKE 7AM pilots and planes
- ✓ Honor Flight Escort Nov. 6th at KMKE 7AM pilots and planes
- ✓ Holiday Party: Save the date: Friday Dec. 17th

Reminder...

Remember that the CAF requires all volunteers who will be working within an arm's reach of a youth to take part in both Youth Protection and Interaction Training and Criminal History Background Check before you may work with youth at CAF units or CAF events. This is an online Youth Protection and Interaction Training that will take approximately fifteen minutes to complete. You will need to watch a short video, take a quiz, and apply for the background check. There is no cost to you or the Wing for this certification. Once you have completed the training and passed the background check, we will be notified that you are eligible to work with youth. The background check is handled by a secure third-party vendor and no confidential information is shared with the CAF. If you have any questions about the policy or how it is implemented, you can view the CAF Youth Protection Policy by following this link at:

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/bx9k41p13n2nrxy/CAF%20Youth%20Protection%20Policy%20General.pdf?dl=0>

To complete the training, go to the CAF website under Education and click on the Youth Interaction and Protection box or follow this link. <https://www.cafeducation.org/youth-interaction-and-protection>

Thank you for doing your part to keep our young people safe as we Educate, Inspire, and Honor a new generation of aviation enthusiasts!



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**Wisconsin Wing Holiday Party
Friday December 17th - Delafield Brew House**

If you want to volunteer to be on the banquet committee and help plan this enjoyable event, please contact Kathy Laabs – Events Officer.



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WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

2021	
John Schroeder	Matt Phillips
Paul McAllister	Tom Leunig
Chuck Christburg	Scott Meisenheimer
Steven Mueller	Jeff Otto
John Hartmann	Matt Phillips
Mike Pastore	Tim Tyre
Gary Kozlowski	John Leidel

**Welcome New Members
Cookout Invite!!!!**

Wednesday July 7, 2021
5:30pm until ???

CAF Hangar - 2347A Aviation Dr.

Tom McDermott is cooking on the grill. We will have water, BYO for anything you prefer to drink! New, old, and even really old members invited!!!

PT Tug Update!

Our "new" tug has arrived for the PT!

Many thanks to Mike Ring, Paul Holdredge, Mike Woods and Mark Shilobrit for donating the funds!



Upcoming Development Committee Meeting

Consider attending virtually!

Are you a "git'r done" type of person?

Do you enjoy participating in the organization you're a member of? Do you want to help the WI Wing succeed? Then I ask you to consider attending the virtual Development Committee meeting coming up Monday, June 28th at 6:30. This is a great opportunity to volunteer and make a big impact!

If you are interested in finding out more about the Development Committee or attending the upcoming meeting, please contact Bob Vajgrt at dawnbob@wi.rr.com or 414-550-2770.

Bob Vajgrt
Development Officer - CAF WI Wing

CAF Development.org





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Mission Report – Memorial Day Flyover – Col Henning Henningsen

As is a Memorial Day tradition, we gathered at Vic's to commence our flyover formation planning at 9:00am on Monday. Mission for the day was to fly over as many Memorial Day services as possible in about 75 minutes.

This years group included:

- Vic Stottlemeyer in the Yellow flight lead.
- Aaron Marshall in the CAF SNJ5 as #2.
- Stan Markus in his T-6G as #3.
- Tim Gillian in his T-6G as #4.
- and in the "Stinger" was Ken in his T-34A.



Paul Holdredge flew our PT-26 Cornell over the lake country, down over the Veterans Hospital, and downtown over the War Memorial then back out over more places in Waukesha's lake country. Gary Otto took our wing's newly restored T-34A for a West Bend service flyover.

Our targets for the formation group started out with a flyover of Waukesha's Frame Park, which had the Vietnam Veterans moving wall display set up and an 11am closing ceremony. Next was Nixon Park in Hartland, where the American Legion does their yearly tribute that is always well attended. Next was Woods Cemetery in Brookfield, off Capitol Drive. Followed by lining up for the Veteran's Hospital flyover near the Brewers stadium, from which we then continued East for the War Memorial flyover. We continued South for a pass over runway 19R at Mitchell field. After that pass, we continued SW, down to the Southern WI Veteran's Memorial Cemetery at Union Grove, WI in western Racine County for a service that was being held there. Then we proceeded back to Waukesha and ended up circling in formation for a couple circuits as the poor controller had a full pattern before giving us the overhead break to land after a 70 minute flight.

A great time was had by all, as we paid tribute to our Vets that passed before us. We completed our mission to Inspire and Honor!

A great tribute was done, with decent weather, by some wonderful pilots that I'm blessed to call friends.



7062 flags at the War Memorial Center honoring the 7062 military lives lost since 9/11





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Mission Report – T-34 Flyovers – Col Gary Otto

Our T-34 was very busy flying over Memorial Day weekend events. We burned up 6 gallons of smoke oil flying over Frame Park with the Vietnam Wall, War Memorial Center, West Bend Courthouse, Hartford Parade, and the St. John's Northwestern Military Academy graduation ceremony. Bob Kuenzi was along for several of the flights!



Proud to be able to Inspire and Honor utilizing our historic aircraft!



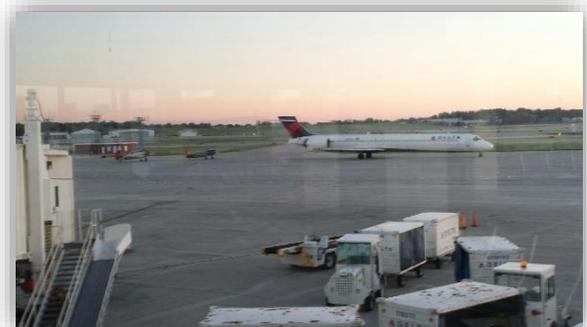
Mission Report - Civil Air Patrol - Col Gary Otto and Col A.G. Bharatkumar



CAF and the CAP are looking for ways to work together and further our mission to Educate, Inspire and Honor. Gary Otto and A.G. Bharatkumar flew our T-34 to Racine, WI on June 5th to attend a high level CAP meeting to do just that. We received a warm welcome and a hearty lunch while discussing ways to work together. AG and Jeanette Anderson are leading our effort to accomplish this task. If you want to get involved in the CAF/CAP interface, please contact AG or Jeanette.

Stars and Stripes Honor Flights to Resume in August!

Fall Honor Flight Dates are: August 28, September 25, October 16, and November 6. All Veterans, Guardians, and SSHF Volunteers for these flights, will need to be fully vaccinated to participate. No exceptions. The CAF WI Wing plans to resume our honor flight escorts to carry out our mission to Inspire and Honor. We have been doing these escorts at departure from KMKE for over 10 years, and they touch so many lives, in so many ways. Volunteering for participation in this program is very rewarding! We need pilots, back seaters, and coordinators.



These photos are from the morning that our planes were frosted over and could not fly, but the Delta captain allowed us to park behind the 2 jet engines and "blow-dry" our planes. It was quite a sight!



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Mission Report – Food Truck Friday’s

Col Dennis Flancher - PX Volunteer Coordinator

Food Truck Fridays at KUES Waukesha Airport began June 4th and will end on Sept. 3rd. We are supporting FTF's with our PX/membership tent/tables as well as bringing our aircraft over to the terminal ramp for some "eye candy"! With 6/4 and 6/11 completed, we have already touched many people and are recruiting new members and supporters. FTF provides an opportunity for our members to volunteer and have a great time at the airport. If you have "free time" at noon on Fridays, plan to attend and better yet, volunteer to help out! I also want to thank all of the volunteers who have already stepped forward to get us off to a great start at FTF!



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Mission Report – CAF WI Open House

Col Gary Otto



Our Open House was super successful, thanks to the hard work of many volunteers! Lots of warbirds, members, visitors, kids, military vehicles, food truck with tasty pizza, great volunteers, missing man fly-over with bagpipes wailing away, perfect weather, and 3 new members plus 2 renewals of old members not active for a while. Lots of support for the families of recently lost CAF members during the flyover. Our Educating, Inspiring and Honoring touches many lives in many ways! Good PX sales, a busy education table for kids, lots of cockpit tours for young and old, dog tag machine working away, and an all-around good time. It was about time we had a real aviation event!!!





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Mission Report – CAF WI Open House





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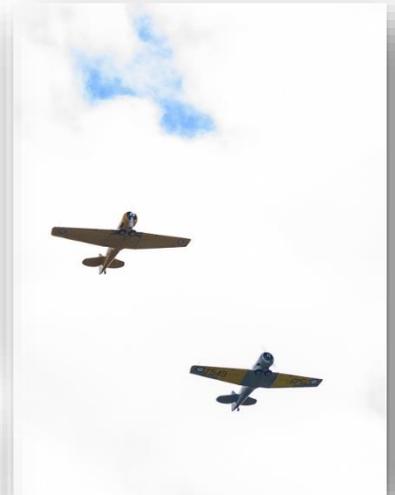
Mission Report – CAF WI Open House



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CAF Tri-State Wing "Warbird Weekend" July 23-24-25 with B-29/B-24 Squadron

Volunteers needed July 23-24-25 to run the PX at this major WI aviation event!

If you can help out, contact Dennis Flancher at 414-534-0160 or dennislf@att.net

CAF AirPower History Tour
National Air Tour of Historic World War II Aircraft
Coming to Janesville, WI
July 23 - 25, 2021

ABC Supply Co. inc.
Featuring "FIFI"

HENDRICKS
COMMERCIAL PROPERTY GROUP

GERONIMO
HOSPITALITY GROUP

PT-13 Stearman
Attending aircraft subject to change

Hosted By Tri-State CAF Wing

LOCATION
Southern Wisconsin Regional Airport
1716 W. Airport Rd.
Janesville, WI 53546

SCHEDULE
Open To The Public for Rides and Tours
Friday July 23 through Sunday July 25
9:00 a.m. through 5:00 p.m. each day
B-29 flies Sat & Sun at 9 a.m./10:30 a.m.
B-24 flies Sat & Sun at 9:30 a.m./11:00 a.m.
Other aircraft rides available each day
Aircraft tours available when planes are not flying

COST
\$20 Family admission (Parents & kids under 18)
\$10 per individual Children 8 and younger are FREE
** Price includes FREE cockpit tours **
Pre-sale tickets available at JVL21.splashthat.com

RIDES
Get more information at www.airpowertour.org and book your ride on "FIFI" and the other warbirds! Seats fill quickly! **Book online TODAY and SAVE!**

NOTE
Passengers are asked to wear masks at all times
Aircraft will be cleaned prior to and after each flight.

JVL21.SPLASHTHAT.COM
airpowersquadron.org

The Janesville based Tri-State Wing is hosting a huge event on the weekend just before AirVenture opens. We are planning to static display the T-34 and set up our PX operations.

Another opportunity for PX volunteers to hang around lots of warbirds and super people!



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Arizona Airbase "Flying Legends of Victory Tour" coming to Waukesha

Volunteers needed from July 28-31 to run the PX and assist the AZ wing crew as needed during their visit to WI.

If you can help out, contact George Crawford, the WI Wing/AZ Airbase coordinator at gscraw9143@yahoo.com



B-25J BOMBER "MAID IN THE SHADE" FACT SHEET

"Flying Legends of Victory Tour"

- We've toured throughout the U.S. and Canada for more than 30 years and currently fly to over 40 towns and cities each year.
- We're based out of the Arizona Airbase of the Commemorative Air Force (CAF) and are the largest unit in the world of the Commemorative Air Force.
- We provide a one-of-a-kind experience where people can get an up-close and personal look into how these planes were made and hear the stories of how crews braved extraordinary odds.
- People can smell the exhaust; feel the vibrations and hear the sound of these muscular engines coming to life. Seeing our warbirds fly over their hometown is an inspiring, memorable sight.

About the B-25 Bomber "Maid In The Shade"

- B-25J is named "Maid in The Shade." Built in early 1944.
- She is very rare – one of 34 B-25J's still flying out of the nearly 10,000 B-25s produced.
- The B-25 aircraft was named in honor of General Billy Mitchell who is recognized as the father of strategic bombing.
- Used mainly as a low altitude strafe and skip bomber, it was used in America's first large-scale bombing offensive in the Philippines – sunk 8 ships and shot down 5 planes.
- Most remembered for the Doolittle Raid on Japan where Jimmy Doolittle led 16 B-25's across Japan bombing targets.
- Developed by North American Aviation.
- Combat History – based out of Serraggia Airbase, Corsica from November 1 – December 31, 1944. Assigned to:
 - 57th Bomb Wing
 - 319th Bomb Wing
 - 474th Squadron
 - Combat missions flown:
 - 13 over Italy
 - 2 over Yugoslavia



The AZ B-25 "Maid in the Shade" summer tour includes a visit to KUES Waukesha County Airport arriving Monday July 26th and departing Monday Aug 2. Our own George Crawford, who winters in AZ, is the tour coordinator, and was responsible for steering the tour to include a WI stopover. They will be selling rides Friday-Sat-Sun, July 30-31, and Aug.1st, and will be offering airplane tours only on Tuesday-

Thursday, based at the Stein ramp. Costs for the rides on the B-25 are \$325.00 for the waist with 4 seats available and \$650.00 for the nose with 2 seats available. CAF members are eligible for a \$75.00 discount for the rides. This is the week of AirVenture in Oshkosh, but we are hoping to support their visit with local volunteers and the WI Wing PX. There may be an opportunity to sell rides on the days they are not, depending on plane and pilot availability.

This is an excellent opportunity to volunteer and hang around a B-25! More details will be included in upcoming WI Wing newsletters.

Calendar – Upcoming Events

Date	Event, Time, Location
Sat., 6/19	Wing Meeting 10:30AM - In Hangar & Virtual
Sun. 6/27	Rides Day at KUES All day PX and Rides Crew
Wed., 7/7	Welcome! New Member Cookout 5:30PM - In Hangar
Sat., 7/10	Rides Day at KUES All day PX and Rides Crew
Sat., 7/17	Wing Meeting 10:30AM - In Hangar & Virtual
7/23 – 7/25	Tri-State Wing "Warbird Weekend" featuring the CAF B-29/B-24 CAF Airpower History Tour - Janesville
7/26 – 8/1	EAA AirVenture! - Oshkosh CAF hospitality in Warbird Campground
7/26 – 7/31	AZ Airbase Flying Legends of Victory Tour B-25 at KUES
8/20 - 8/22	Wisconsin Military Show Eagle Village Park, Eagle, WI 7am to 5pm (2pm Sun) Flyovers planned.
Sat., 8/21	Wing Meeting 10:30AM - In Hangar & Virtual
Sat., 8/28	Honor Flight Escort 7AM - KMKE
Sat., 9/18	Wing Meeting 10:30AM - In Hangar & Virtual
Sat., 9/18	Oconto Fly-In 9AM – 4PM

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Remember!

Food Truck Fridays at KUES
every Friday 11AM to 1:30 PM
thru Sept. 3rd!